

Both stretches are under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III-B. Construction of other bypasses is not proposed at present.

### **National Maritime Development Programme**

974. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to set up a National Maritime Development Programme to facilitate more focused and accelerated investment in specific infrastructure tonnage acquisition and institutionalise capacity building for various ongoing projects;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof; and

(c) the present projects operating in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Department of Shipping has already formulated the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP). Under the Programme a total of 387 projects comprising 276 projects in major ports and 111 projects in the Shipping and Inland Water Transport sector have been identified to be taken up for implementation over a defined period. Total investment involved under the Programme is Rs. 1,00,339 crores. Out of this, Rs. 55,804 crores is for the major ports and the balance Rs. 44,535 crores is for the Shipping and Inland Water Transport Sectors. The projects in the major ports relate to deepening of port channels, development of berths, modernization and upgradation of cargo handling equipment, enhancement of rail/road connectivity between the ports and the hinterland and other associated projects. The projects in the Shipping and IWT sectors include tonnage acquisition, maritime training, coastal shipping, aids to navigation, ship-building and building up of inland water transport infrastructure. The entire Programme will be implemented, in phases, through Public Private Partnership.

(c) A total of 12 projects in the major ports have been completed. Works are in progress in respect of 76 projects in the major ports and in the shipping and inland water transport sectors.